

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 20-25 are allowed. Claims 15 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (claim 14), but have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claims 14 and 17-19 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application US 2002/0181106 A1 to Xia et al. (hereinafter "Xia").

Applicants thank the Examiner for his identification of allowable subject matter.

Applicants have cancelled claim 14. Applicants have rewritten claim 15 to include all the limitations of claim 14 to traverse the Examiner's objection to claim 15. Applicants have made claims 16-19 dependent upon claim 15, which is allowable as rewritten, in order to place claims 16-19 in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, consideration and favorable action on all claims are respectfully requested. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should any question remain in view of this communication, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned so that a prompt disposition of this application can be achieved.

Respectfully submitted,



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